THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The export of Tea & Coffee during the last five years and the foreign exchange earned are as follows:

(Qty. in Mn.Kgs./Rs. in Crores/US $ in Million)

Years	Tea			Coffee		
	Qty.	Rs.	Value in uS$	Qty. Rs.		Value in US$
1993-94	154.55	1062.03	340.00	136.70	587.00	186.90
1994-95	152.16	986.41	314.10	137.39	1096.33	350.26
1995-96	167.47	1244.52	372.88	170.99	1527.16	456.00
1996-97	169.04	1301.46	366.62	181.29	1467.08	451.48
1997-98	211.76	1953.91	525.74	179.05	1708.00	477.00

(b) Around 200 Mn. Kgs of tea is estimated to have been exported during 1998-99. About 220 Mn. Kgs is likely to be exported during the years 1999-2000.

(c) The Government/Tea Board have taken various measures to boost the export of tea which inter-alia include conducting promotional activities in the foreign markets and also lending promotional support of Indian tea exporters in their marketing efforts. Such activities are carried out by Tea Board through its overseas offices at London, New York, Hamburg, Moscow and Dubai and include programmes on (i) Participation in International and/or specialised fairs and exhibitions (ii) Field sampling at speciality stores and/or principal markets (iii) Media publicity (iv) Buyer seller meets (v) Lending promotional support to Indian exporters/foreign importers in their promotional and marketing of Indian brands (vi) Public Relation activities to establish closer links between importers and exporters (vii) Exchange of Tea Delegations to and from India etc.

In so far as Coffee is concerned, the Coffee Board is concentrating on targeted import markets like USA, Japan, Russia and Middle East Countries, etc. The Coffee Board also participates in selected food fairs/exhibitions abroad, releases advertisements on unique features of Indian coffee in selected overseas trade, journals, sponsors trade delegations/invities roasters' delegations from all target markets to India, arranges service of Indian coffee abroad through our embassies, distributes gift packets of Indian coffee through Indian embassies on special occasions and festivals, publish and distribute literature on Indian coffee etc.

Inclusion of Castes/Sub-Castes in the List of Backward Classes

*391. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of castes/sub-castes/communities/eynonyms which the National Commission for Backward Classes has advised Government in 1997 and 1998 to include in the Central list of Backward Classes; and

(b) the State-wise number of castes/sub-castes/communities/synonyms out of these which have been included and notified in the Gazette by Government in the Central List?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Details are enclosed in "Statement". (*See* below)

(b) Six castes/sub-castes/communities synonyms have been included in the Central List of Other Backward Classes in respect of Uttar Pradesh and notified in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 17th December, 1997.

Statement

S.No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Number of Castes/sub-castes/ Communities/ synonyms advised by National Commission for Backward Classes for inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes during 1997 and 1998
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Bihar	7
3.	Goa	6
4.	Gujarat	24
5.	Haryana	14
6.	Karnataka	104
7.	Kerala	32
8.	Madhya Pradesh	37
9.	Maharashtra	16
10.	Orissa	23
11.	Punjab	14
12.	Rajasthan	33
13.	Sikkim	2
14.	Tamil Nadu	17
15.	Tripura	11
16.	Uttar Pradesh	60
17.	West Bengal	28
18.	Chandigarh	7
19.	Delhi	8
20.	Pondicherry	5

Expanding the Area of NCR

*392. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS and EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to expand the area of National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the purpose of expanding NCR;

(c) whether the member States have expressed a lot of displeasure and disenchantment at the concept;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to sort out bilateral problems to ensure a business like National Capital Region Planning Board?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) In the meeting of the NCR Planning Board held on 23rd March, 1999, it was decided in principle that the area covered under the NCR will be extended in order to decongest Delhi and disperse population and activities over a much larger area. Details are yet to be worked out.

(c) to (e) The member States have expressed their concern as the concept has not taken of due to a variety of reasons, viz.—

(1) The policies of the Delhi Government with continuing population influx.

(2) The slow progress of dispersal of economic activities, namely, industries, wholesale trade and commerce, relocation of PSUs and other offices from Delhi to outside Delhi.

(3) No concrete action to remove the disparity in taxation between various States of the NCR specially *vis-a-vis* NCT of Delhi.

(4) Slow progress in providing regional infrastructure.

Bilateral issues are sorted out through meetings at various levels, including those at the level of Chairman, NCRPB.